# CITY FIRE-FIGHTERS.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS.

FINANCIAL SHOWING.

oard Will Return \$3,500 of the Appropriation, Leaving Every thing in Perfect Order-Many Suggestions for Improved Service.

Below will be found the report for the year ending December 31, 1898, of the president of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Richmond, submitted to the Council at its meeting Tuesday night.

The report is interesting as a summary of the work of the Richmond Fire Depart. ment, and by reason of the numerous suggestions made as to means whereby the efficiency of the department can be increased. Every citizen of Richmond is proud of the Fire Department, not only because of its efficiency, but because of the excellent manner in which its affairs are conducted. Following is the report: Office of Board of Fire Commissioners

Richmond, Va., January 2, 1859.

Richmond, Va., January 2, 1839.

To the Honorable the Mayor and City Council of Richmond, Va.:
Gentlemen,—In obedience to the law the Board of Fire Commissioners submit their eleventh annual report of the Fire and Fire-Alarm departments for the year emiling December 31, 1938.

During that time 257 alarms were received and transmitted to the Fire Department, with a loss approximating 375, 499, which makes the damage much below former years, and indicates prompt and effective service in both the Fire and Fire-Alarm departments.

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The notable fires were those of the Baughman printing establishment and the Richmond Paper-Mill, and both were restricted upon the premises, though the loss on stock was considerable.

The violations of discipline were not numerous, and the punishment inflicted, where the rules were violated, was not of a serious character. There were no dismissals during the year.

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There has been no increase in the department, either in the force numerically or by additions of equipment during the year, and the board are of the opinion that the department is sufficiently large and well distributed, and trust while maintaining everything in good shape, making all merited acquisitions to the roiling stock, keeping fully up to the standard, to return to your honorable bodies a handsome surplus year by year. The past year, in addition to transferring to the Police Department \$3,000, expending on the recent combined police and ing on the recent combined police a engine station at Brook avenue and Ma shall streets nearly \$2,000, and the ad-tion of a new combination chemics wagen for the East End, besides a lar quantity of hose, always expensive, they anticipate returning from all sources a least \$3,500-leaving everything, as far as e, in perfect order, should be a large increase of the

The should be a large increase of the permanent force, which the board will doubtless do should your honorable body give a sufficient increase in the pay-roll. There should at any rate be an increased pay-roll, whereby Chief-Engineer Puller. Assistant-Engineer Shaw, and the eighteen valuable permanent hosemen could have their pay increased.

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The city can congratulate itself upon employing the services of Chief Puller; he lends to the department a conscientious, heroic service, which cannot always be obtained, and his integrity is heralded through the fire world, and he should be richly compensated. Assistant-Engineer Shaw is also inadequately paid, and since he holds has given perfect satisfaction and mas come to be considered by Chief Puller a valuable lieutenant. In the Fire-Alarm Department, Superintendent Thompson and his assistants are insufficiently paid. Mr. Thompson has had increased duties imposed upon him, and are constantly increasing, while theoretically and practically he stands at the head of his profession, and should be recognized substantially.

NEW STATION ON EAST MAIN.

GENERAL WHEELER

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The surroundings of this property have virtually made it uninhabitable for the men and horses, and a personal lospection on your part would quickly demonstrate it. It is in fact intolerable, and cannot be improved. You are respectfully urged to allow us to purchase a lot in that section out of the appropriations regularly made. The present quarters can be utilized for the storage of valuable reserve apparatus, besides converting it into a veterinary hospital, which we need.

The ordinance for the erection of wooden buildings having been transferred to this department, has been of great benefit to our buildings having been transferred to this department, has been of great benefit to our buildings having been transferred to this department, has been of great benefit to our buildings having of the same time offers increased protection to our citizens.

This should be followed, in our judgment, by an ordinance putting the administration of all laws governing electricity, wires finside and outside of buildings, lint the hands of this board, for the following reasons: That you have now upon the city pay-roll your Superintendent of all city wires, aided by four experienced electricitians.

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Laws should be framed guarding against danger to the city's property from electrolysis from imperfect construction and other causes electrically, all based upon the best information obtainable which this department has easy access to. We regard it as the duty of the Council to make all laws and rules and hold this department and the city electrician responsible for their fulfilment. Since these same conductors are prolific causes of fires, and since the firemen themselves are combating against an invisible foe, besides the lives of our citizens in general, It, is, we think, proper that the responsiit is, we think, proper that the responsi-bility should be placed here.

You are referred to the Chief Engineer's report for detailed statements.

The physician's report will give you in-teresting details concerning his duties, and is well worthy of perusal.

FIRE-ALARM DEPARTMENT.

The Fire-Alarm Department continues to perform the very best service consistent with overhead wires, and though these sad conditions of things causes endless troubles, yet the alarms are received promptly, with few exceptions, which is all brought about by the untiring zeal of the superintendent and his faithful employees. Improvements are made almost daily by the department, and the office continues to be the central attraction in the City Hall. Two of the largest bells are now struck electrically, and the board will as rapidly as possible have all fire stations struck similarly.

The reasons for having all wires underground, except trolley wires, have been brought to your attention so frequently that we think it needless to repeat them here.

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The thanks of the board are due to his Honor the Mayor, and to your honorable bodies for the patient and generous consideration always granted to the department, and our thanks are especially due to the honorable Committee on Water, Committee on Gas, and Board of Police Commissioners, whose kindly co-operation has been of such great resistance.

Respectfully submitted.

President Board of Fire Commissioners.

Talk of Industries Starting Up-Rail-

road Improvements.

EAST RADFORD, VA., January 7.—
(Special.)—The new year was using in in the midst of a blizzard, and has held its own so far as wintry weather is con-Eighteen ninety-eight was a prosperous year with our people, and merchants report a good, healthy trade,

### NO WOMAN IS EXEMPT.

Regularity is a matter of importance in every woman's life. Much pain is, however, endured in the belief that it is necessary and not alarming, when in truth it is all wrong and indicates derangement that may cause serious

Excessive monthly pain itself will unsettle the nerves and make women old before their time.

The foundation of woman's health is a perfectly normal and regular performance of nature's function. statement we print from Miss GER-TRUDE SIKES, of Eldred, Pa., is echoed in every city, town and hamlet in this country. Read what she says:

"DEAR MRS. PINEHAM:-- I feel like a new person since following your advice, and think it is my duty to let the public know the good your remedies have done me. My troubles were painwas nervous and had spelis of being confused. Before using your remedies I never had any faith in patent medicines. I now wish to say that I never painful menstruation as Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound; also would say that your Sanative Wash has cured me of leucorrhæa. I hope these few

words may help suffering women." The present Mrs. Pinkham's experience in treating female ills is unparalleled, for years she worked side by side with Mrs. Lydia E. Pinkham, and for sometime past has had sole charge of the correspondence department of her great business, treating by letter as many as a hundred thousand ailing women during a single year.

All suffering women are invited to write freely to Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass for advice about their health.

intersecting the New-River line near Bel Spring. The new line will daway with the pushers and save sever miles in the hauling from the Pocahonta deficids to the sea. In tunnelling, dging, and grading it is estimated that cost will be about \$1,00,000. The right way has been secured, the surveys is and it is thought the contract will be by February 1st and the road committed during 1820. A great many areas the new line. d during 1889. A great many argu-the new line will be a disadvantag adford, while others think differently trains that will be hauled over the

Alabama furnished	2,57
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Kentucky	51.74
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It is related of General Washington, one of the most just and liberal-minded of men, that he cherished a relentless and undying hatred of the Torles, and that while British officers after the Revolution were entertained at Mt. Vernon with the utmost courtesy and cordiality, he never would have the least intercourse or communication with a Tory or the son of a Tory. This feeling seems to have been implanted in the human heart.

The Jews of the olden time had the most hitter contempt and aversion for the publicans—those who accepted office under the Roman Government.

From the above figures it appears that General Wheeler was nearly correct, and that it is another testimony to be fact that it is not ensy to catch that old fox asleep. I do not use the word in a disrespectful or injurious sense; certainly not as it was applied a long time ago on a memorable occasion—"Go, tell that fox."

not as it was applied a long time ago of a memorable occasion—"Go, tell that fox. It only indicates that the General is always alert, visitant, and wideawake, and very apt to know whereof he speaks.

The Confederate armies enrolled from first to last about 700,000 men-probably more rather than less. The Union armies recruited in the Southern States nearly half as many white men, and largely more than half of white and colored combined. The General no doubt had this combination in mind when he made the statement.

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The negro troops were an important factor in the northern armies, if we can believe the testimony of President Lincoln, who gave as one of the reasons why he issued the emancipation proclamation that it was a military necessity to bring the negro men into the army; that without them it would not be possible to bring the war to a successful termination. This was a most humiliating confession for the northern people, with their 2.000,000 of soldiers opposed to our 700,000.

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soldiers opposed to our 100,000.

This clamor against General Wheeler is uncalled for, and has no substantial foundation. We have, however, in connection with the General a matter of which we conclude the complete of the control of

with the General a matter of which we can justly complain.

In the late presidential itinerary through some of the Southern States he was altogether too complacent and effusive—gushing, indeed, on several occasions. I am afraid that he was dazaled by the lustre of the "divinity which doth hedge the king," and lost that equipoise and equilibrium which was never disturbed in the shock of battle.

Tender the touch of the firm white hand, Soothing the fevered brow: Pitying the glance of the soft gray eyes, As they dwell on each sufferer now.

Oh! her heart is as true as the blue of the skies
Of her own sunny Southland, I know,
And all honor to her for the deed she

The daughter of our brave Fighting Joe."

Richmond, January 6th. A large tomcat for thirteen years made voyages on a mail steamer between Sydney and San Francisco. The animal has died, and was buried at sea, having almost completed 1.000.000 miles of travel.

merchants report a good, healthy trade, and the best Christmas trade in the history of the place.

The electric-car line, which was recently sold by decree of court to Mrs. Ella M. Crockett, has been leased for a term of years by the Radford Light and Power Company.

There is still taik of the Crane Iron and Steel Company's Works and the Radford Pipe and Foundry-Works being put into operation, but so far nothing definite can be learned. The two plants cost overhalf a million dollars, and they would be valuable additions to the iron business if they were in operation.

The Norfork and Western railroad intends to build about eight miles of new road near Radford this year. The proposed line will leave the main line two follows and western railroad intends to build about eight miles of new road near Radford this year. The proposed line will leave the main line two follows are the main line two follows and western railroad intends to build about eight miles of new road near Radford the will leave the main line two follows and western railroad intends to build about eight miles of new for croup. It has become the universal remedy in my family for several years, and always with perfect success we believe that it is not only the best cough remedy, but that it is a sure cure for roup. It has saved the lives of our children a number of times." This remedy is for sule by all drusselsts.

## "ASSUMPSIT."

INVOLVING BREACH OF PROMISE.

(By Evan R. Chesterman.) His name had been written in letters of gold. Not that he had "erected monuments more lasting than bronne," or caused the world to ring with his achievements-no, not that-but simply because he had purchased a new sign, and thereon were inscribed in glit the simple words, "Gustavus Mitchell, Attorney at Law." He was new in his business—wofully new, in fact—and to confess the truth, awaited his first case. Even now the memory of recent examinations haunted his mind, and as he looked back he shivered at the thought of the educational sweat-box from which he had cational sweat-box from which he emerged. He was not brilliant, and had forged his way through college by a process of mental blacksmithing, which be spoke perseverance rather than intellec-But it was all over now, and the ful menstruation and leucorrhoa. I was before him-that is, in the literative persons and had spells of being rather than the figurative sense. The world is always before young attorneys, but many have been known to perish ere they reached it. Still, he was only a ma had anything do me so much good for lighted him. He was but human when imagined that many would pause before ittle office. During the first month there mates, anxious to note his success; a bo agent, a peddier, and a patrenizing friend, eager to test the lawyer's knowledge by accepting gratuitous advice. For four weeks the office clock, with unceasing tickings, fought the stillness of his sur roundings until he felt that he hungered for noise. He experienced a desire to shrick out against the pall of monotony ntangible monster, and choke it into in intangole monsier, and chose it into in-teresting form. And still the days went on, but something told the young attor-ney that all was not gold that glittered in his sign. The spirit of litigation evidently had ceased. He concluded that the millennium of brotherly leve had come; that even friendly lawsuits would shock the religious community. The words "innocuous desteinde" frequently crossed his mind. They had been favorites with a certain professor when he dwelt on the disuse of obsolete writs or superannuated remedies of the Common Law. Gustavus Mitchell had sentiment enough in his crusty make-up to realize that there was a plenty of pathos in the case presented to him, but he couldn't quite see the place entire confidence in me."

The rural litigant was willing to accede the begs for pily, Father drinks, you know. I must get the money to send my little brothers away. His very soul seems to cry out for enlightenment.

Now, Mitchell had sentiment enough in his crusty make-up to realize that there was a plenty of pathos in the case presented to him, but he couldn't quite see

> of Higation flashed in her eye. At least, so the young attorney thought, but closer inspection revealed a tear. The slightest word of consolation would have opened those optical sluices and made the litigant but a weeping female. Then sympathy would have been required. But Augustus Michell keep her could not have edents of many by-gone generations re-bired on like occasions. Mutual equani-

'Are you Mr. Augustus Mitchell, the rom the imminently lachrymose client

"Oh, sir, you misunderstand me—you misunderstand me," came the quick reply. "I am not sick—I don't need a remedy. I never took any medicine in my life. Mine is a pain of the heart."

Mr. Mitchell patiently and humbly explained that there were legal remedies to large one. She was simply a more results as a cordinary volume will suffice. It wasn't a very startling story she very handsome, jovial young man, whose manner was cordinary itself. Yes, this

engagement was for dinner, and that he except this recreant lover himself, would have allowed the statute of limita-

Mr. Mitchell." querulously complained the client. "It's not bereavement that makes me sorrow, "'tis a loss, but you could hardly call it a bereavement. The dead leave wounds that heal, but it's the living that break our hearts."

"A breach of rownia suit to a loss and her daily routine had suffered from no misfeasance. It just occurred to her, she said, from something she had seen in the papers, that break our hearts."

"A breach of rownia suit to a loss of the didn't say anything about her heart), and maybe

that break our hearts."
"A breach of promise suit, by Jove," said the hitherto despondent Augustus to himself, and then, fluttering with excitement, he put further questions, and gradually elicited the ground work of his first case. As he heard the story he noticed that his client, though perhaps not exactly of his station of life, was bright and attractive. Man as he was, he surmised from her dress that she was a country. from her dress that she was a country

Jim I first want to tell you. He's deaf brought for breach of contract, and that and dumb, and can't do anything. He's it was Latin for "he, she, or it promised."

Then he asked many questions, and we've watched and waited all these years, the clouds as if he sought something he could not find. And when I come near his great blue eyes follow me, and I see a struggle on his little face. He wants to talk so bad—he wants to tell me something. I know. Maybe he'd like to call me sister. No, it can't be that, for he's never heard the word. The doctor came to see him last month, but he shook his never heard the word. The doctor came to see him last month, but he shook his head, and then kept saying: 'No, it isn't any use; he'll never hear. He'll never speak. And unless he's sent to some institution for the deaf and dumb he'll gradually lose his mind. Such cases frequently degenerate into idiocy.'"

There was no mistaking the tears now; they told not of saver but of a ynawing the tears now;

# Tortured By Rheumatism.

If the people generally knew the true cause of Rheumatism, there of the blood-it can be reached, therefore, only through the blood. But all blood remedies can not cure Rheumatism, for it is an obstinate disease, one which requires a real blood remedy-something more than a mere tonic. Swift's Specific is the only real blood remedy, and it promptly goes to the very bottom of even the most obstinate case.

A few years ago I was taken with inflammatory Rheumatism, which, though mild at first, became gradually so intense that I was for weeks unable to walk. I tried several prominent physicians and took their treatment faithfully but was unable to reach of all other remedies. It patent medicines, but none relieved me. Upon the advice of a friend I decided to try S. S. S. Before allowing me to take it, however, my guardian, who was a chemist, analyzed the remedy, and pronounced it free of potash or mercury. Specific Company, Atlanta, Ga.

A Purely Vegetable Blood
Remedy is the Only
Cure.

I felt so much better after taking two bottles, that I continued the remedy, and in two months I was cured completely. The cure was permanent, for I have never since had a touch of Rheumatism, though many times exposed to damp and cold weather.

3711 Powelton Avenue, Philadelphia.
Those who have had experience would be no such thing as lini- with Rheumatism know that it ments and lotions for this painful becomes more severe each year, and disabling disease. The fact is, and like all other blood diseases, Rheumatism is a disordered state the doctors are totally unable to cure it. In fact,

the only remedies which they prescribe are potash and mercury, and though temporary relief may result, these remedies produce a stiffness of joints and only in-

fully, but was unable to get the slightest cures permanently Rheumatism, relief. In fact, my condition seemed to Catarrh, Cancer, Scrofula, Eczema, grow worse, the pains spread over my entire body, and from November to March I suffered agony. I tried many is the only blood remedy guar-

Purely Vegetable

Books mailed free by Swift

the girl, 'my poor little Jim an idiot, And I case for you, but you must promise to

state. He wondered if the status was monotonous. He began to grow desperate. He thought of self-destruction. He concluded that the ancients were narrow-minded when they frowned down on suit-cide and classed it as a felony.

In abort, he became wild, and then the it was pretty much the kind of case that old lawyers turn over to their and emphasized the fact that, come what younger brothren when they wish to give might, little Jim should be the sole bene-

So much for So Mitchell hesitated and was silent. He didn't speak for two reasons—to-wit, because he couldn't see any fee in the matter for him and because he wasn't very

As a matter word of consolation would have opened those optical sluices and made the litterant but a weeping female. Then sympathy would have been required. But Augustus Mitchell knew he could not give a warranty for the quality of this article as furnished by his legal education, so he made for the deaf and dumb poor or Fill made. Yes gave a friendly conciliation of the deaf and dumb poor or Fill made for the deaf shoot your brains out," the young attor-ney would have been compelled to accept

When a man and a woman are in a room together, and there is a painful si-lence, somebody must relieve the tension, "Yes, I am he," quoth Augustus, the party of the second part, as he fought to suppress a smile of pleasure at being addressed as a lawyer. "If you desire professional advice I shall gladly spare you have been a smile of pleasure at being addressed as a lawyer. "If you desire professional advice I shall gladly spare you will be so bad if he had?" It will make this town how in a and if mere words are all that is required

as well as medical—that dollars were the place one. She was simply a member of as well as needest-that domars were the place one. She was simply a member of gilded pills that restored constitutions a respectable rural family—"plain people," we sometimes call them—and had met a young cit, chap who was rusticating in blushing at her ready display of igno-pance, but with no ring of anything the rest place one. She was simply a member of a respectable rural family—"plain people," we sometimes call them—and had met a young cit, chap who was rusticating in blushing at her ready display of igno-pance, but with no ring of anything the rest place one. She was simply a member of a respectable rural family—"plain people," we sometimes call them—and had met a young cit, chap who was rusticating in the respectable rural family—"plain people," we sometimes call them—and had met a young cit, chap who was rusticating in the respectable rural family—"plain people," we sometimes call them—and had met a young cit, chap who was rusticating in the respectable rural family—"plain people," we sometimes call them—and had met a young cit, chap who was rusticating in the respectable rural family—"plain people," we sometimes call them—and had met a young cit, chap who was rusticating in the respectable rural family—"plain people," we sometimes call them—and had met a young cit, chap who was rusticating in the respectable rural family—"plain people," we sometimes call the respectable rural family—"plain people, we sometimes call the rural family—"plain people, we sometimes call the rural family—"plain people, we sometimes ca lushing at her ready display of igno-ance, but with no ring of avarice in her love with her, and wasn't reticent about expressing himself. Indeed, he was any-Augustus, though resolved at any cost not to permit the escape of his fair patron, suggested that his time was limited mouth and through the medium of written in another hour he had an important ngagement. He did not explain that this her in her reticule-in fact, had everything

would have allowed the statute of limitations to bar a thousand means rather than lose the case of this sweet client.

"You lawyers are always busy, I suppose," ventured the tearful visitor, who, though inclined to be chatty, seemed to be chatty, seemed to be chatty, seemed to be chatty, seemed to be chatty. though inclined to be chatty, seemed to nurse a hidden sorrow.

"Yes, always busy," repeated the attorney, acquiescing in what struck bim as the greatest falsehood of the day, and then he added: "But tell me, Madam, what's the trouble?"

"But it's not Madam; it's Miss," came a guick reply, and blushes figured like.

That's all the love there was to this.

a quick reply, and blushes floated like roseate nimbus clouds over the gentle face. "That's the whole trouble," she resumed. "It ought to be Madam, but it isn't. If it were I wouldn't be here."

It looked as if tear No. 3 was about to see the light of day. It looked as if tear No. 3 was about to see the light of day.

"I regret your bereavement." softly mutmured Mr. Mitchell, who supplemented this consoling remark with a second sympathetic cough.
"You're misunderstanding me again, the date set for that marriage, but what of these? Women weep at the funerals of those they have never seen, and are sever prodigal of tears. And this woman certainly couldn't have wasted much time in such trivial acts, for her household duties were jealous masters and her daily

anything about her heart), and the money would be enough to se to a deaf and dumb hospital. What did Mr. Mitchell think about it?

"Assumpsit would lie in a case like this," meditatively replied Jones, talking to nobody in particular.
'I don't know whether this person 'As-

sumpsit' you mention would lie or innocently responded the rural litigant, "but I do know that what I'm tellir "We aren't rich people, you know," she said, "and we need money. There's only father and Jim and myself, but it's about Jim I first want." Is the strict truth. I wouldn't tell you a story for anything. Mr. Mitchell."

The attorney explained that assumpsit was a particular Mind of suit lawyers.

was a particular kind of noping, against fate, to hear the poor baby speak, but it's no use now. We know it's foolish to hope any longer. In the mornings he takes his little chair beneath the trees, and there he sits and watches the skies and seems to be thinking, thinking—looking up into the clouds as if he asked many questions, and acted as if he really thought the girl could lie. He wanted to know how often the wornings he takes his little chair beneath the trees, and there he sits and watches the skies and seems to be thinking. In showing thinking, thinking—looking up into legal scamp actually asked to see the other young scamp's love-letters, and wouldn't hear to a non-compliance with

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the legal fledglings a chance to distin-guish themselves.

So much for the "woman in the case," - to the preliminaries of intigation.

As a matter of fact, Augustus Mitchell was exultant. The frivolous young city chap, who was wont to give away his heart with a string tied to it, was known reputation to the lawyer. He was well-to-do, and, as the attorneys

steadfastness of purpose, determined to make things lively for him. He rightly judged that a breach-of-promise suit, though interesting to read about, is not a thing about it to anybody—your mother, the figure as depleasant thing in which to figure as de-fendant. In this conclusion his judgment

was the defendant-the the man whose affections had strings at-

The recreant lover glanced at the card, smiled quizzically, and said, very plea-

collecting claims, are you? But it don't make any difference, anyhow. I'm square with the world now. Have paid all my debts, and resolved to lead a better life There's a woman in the case, of course and next month I'll go under the yoke State your business to the prospective

All this took Mitchell aback. It wasn't ust what he had expected. Was the ellow going to marry his client and bar breach of promise suit?

tended bride was a young woman of ex-cellent standing, and the recreant lover "It's about another young lady I wish to speak to you," said Mitchell, sternly, "There's Only One Girl For Me," mer-

rily hummed the frivolous young man, and then, with a puzzled look, he said: "But go shead, they're all interesting." "So it appears," retorted Mitchen, and my client is exceptionally so." And then he gave her name.

'Whew," was all the response. there was another painful silence like the one above described, only in this case there was no woman to break it. Finally, the recreant lover gravely said; Well, out with it, old man. I'm in for rouble, I see that, but I can't just locate

"My client feels that she has been aggrieved," said the attorney. "There was a ittle love affair between you two, somebody got worsted. It wasn't you "Great Scott, man, don't come raking up those old issues when a fellow's on the eve of marrying the sweetest girl that ever lived," fervently exclaimed the prospective defendant. "You know how those things are. Surely, that girl hasn't got anything to do with the business on

which you wish to see me."

Mitchell would have paid a handsome fee to wash his hands of the whole affair. But when he recalled the tearful little woman, his resolution returned. In a hard, cold voice, that positively sounded unfamiliar to his own sars, he said: unfamiliar to his own ears, he said:

"My client has authorized me to institute suit for breach of promise against you. Much as it pains me to harass you at this time, I shall file my memorandum next Monday." But as the young attorney looked on the blanched face before him and saw its hap-piness shattered by his words, his heart sank within him and from the depths of his soul he words. his soul he cursed the day he first saw

"For God's sake spare me-spare mespare the woman who is to be my wife next month," exclaimed the recreant "Think of the disgrace of it all, the newspaper reports, the sensation, the the newspaper reports, the sensation, the ridicule—my utter rubation."

Mitchell cordially wished all the women in creation were at the bottom of the sea, but he had sufficient tact to say:

"I can't see where you have spared my client."

a law-book.

"For Heaven's sake, don't moralize with me now, Mr. Mitchell—don't tell me what I ought to have done," was the response. "Help me out of it. Pull me out of this

sake, give me a show-have mercy on my fiancee, on my family, on my reputation."
"My first duty is with my client," was Mitchell's rather faeble response.
"Can money pull me out of this?" suddenly asked the victim of the legal machirations. "It's worth a million for the NOW FOR BASE-BALL RICHMOND'S 1899 TEAM IS MADE UP

"Two hundred?" from his victim.
"No; we place our damages still high-

Wouldn't feel justified in closing at

Well, I think that is fair to both par-

ties," reflected the attorney, and then, suddenly his face showed the shadow of a passing thought. Going over to his ex-

ft sald that I wasn't square with you. Business hasn't been humming in my

or your sister, or your wife (if you have one)." VACCINATION VAGARIES.

Pox Epidemic.

future. Sir Richard Thorne says:

not finally accounted for as regards vacci-

in the metropolis was 24.9 per cent, that

as insusceptible of vaccination,

are devoted to tobacco culture.

connection I would point out that the number of consecutive primary vaccina-

tions by the board's own officers without the occurrence of a single instance of so-

called insusceptibility now reaches 107,180."

A home for barkeepers is to be estab-lished at Waukesha, Wis.

The touch of mercury at 40 degrees is like that of a red-hot iron.

Of the earth's surface, 1,500,000 acres

The proportion unaccounted for

(London Times.)

suggested the ap-

er," murmured the legal cormorant.
"Three hundred?" (with intense anxiety

of tone from the victim in the meshes)

that," mildly suggested Mitchell. "Five hundred?" suggested

of feminine hearts.

tort this money from you."

denly asked the victim of the legal ma-chinations. "It's worth a million for the lesson it has taught me."
"There might be some sort of compro-mise," mildly suggested Augustus Mitch-ell. Bachelor of Law.
"Will a hundred close it and get me my letters back?" eagerly asked the much-engagest young man.

VERY STRONG AGGREGATION engaged young man.
"No" (from Mitchell's corner).

Manager Wells Has Strengthened His Club's Wenk Points, and Will Give This City the Best Team she

Has Ever Had.

AND THE MEN SIGNED.

Though the snow has only just meltag and the sweet harbingers of spring have not yet put in their appearance, the terest in base-ball is being revived, and the cranks are already looking form a to the time when they shall once are sit upon the bleacherles and chirp to the favorite team and see the ball batted the fence and all around the lot.

all the patrons of the game was abso The other young man, never for a mo- ed in the war then in progress, and ment losing temper, told Mitchell he de-served a dozen beatings; that he didn't blame him for his part in the matter; that he-an infernal fool-had been let down very easy.

They talked over the business parts

There is no war to divert the attention of the arrangement, but just before the of the rooter now, and the indications are matter was closed Mitchell said:

"Before I take your check I want you to consult an attorney. I don't ever wish crowds congregate on the bleschedies." root for their team

office, but I'm not in the blackmalling profession. I wish our terms of wettlement There will be something to root for, if Manager Wells's plans do not misea profession. I wish out to the structure of the structure The young man wo idn't hear to it. The is confident that in the race for the thought of some other person knowing the secret almost made him spasmodic. He actually begged Mitchell to take the signed is made up as follows:

check and close the matter. In truth, he confessed he never would be satisfied Pitchers-Donavan, Chesbro, Flaham until he'd paid it.

And so that part of the incident was Goodwin, Pfanmiller, and Bishop. Infledders-Carr, first base; Wristand so that part of the land was in the shortstop; Weddige, second base; Dund sight and who was in the wrong. Maybe third base, Outfielders-Hargrove, Shannon, and

from of him, and maybe too, Hess, Vignett.

forgotten some important law point. When don, Hargrove, Shannon, and Seybold sit comes to writing about litigation I'm at the pick of last year's team, but the oth Hess, Vigneux, Chesbro, Bishop, Dunsea, and often make myself ridiculous. men are somewhat new to Richm All I know is that the recreant lover, who They are all, however, fine players. All I know is that the recreant lover, who had certainly acted very badly, matried the girl of his choice and was put beyond the girl of his choice and was put beyond Donovan was with Washington last a son, and there made a great record by the Senar marriage—the inevitable result of win-ning a sweet, pure woman who doesn't from the New England League, and know all your secrets-and grew to be a know all your secrets—and grew to be a said will prove one of the fastest and t deacon and gave Mitchell much law bust- twirlers in the Atlantic. Fisherty is We will presume that the girl in the Paterson club, and an all-round, good will presume that the girl in the Paterson club, and an all-round, good will be with the southpaw twirler. He is a favorite country likewise made the best of life thereafter. At any rate, when the weary thereafter. At any rate, when the weary and the distressed, the down-trodden and the heartsore, are out of our sight we do not find them half so tiresome. Mitchell Bradford club, the champions of the O sent her the check without a penny's

"Take it back to him; Jim won't need it. He's both talking and hearing now, We found him in his little chair beneath we found him in his little chair beneath the trees, and he was looking heaven-ward. It all came so sweetly and so gently that I am almost glad. I'm not ashamed that I had that talk with you, feet, and is quick as a flash in covering his bag. Wrigley is Washington's star shortstop when DeMontraville is not at home. He is a first-class man, though, and will make by long odds the best play-or Richmond has had in the short-field since the days of the old Virginia club. Weddigo is all right in his position anywhere in the infield, and Jake has not yet decided whether he will play him at second and keep Dundon on third or shift the two. The outfield will remain as it England's Preparations for a Smallwas last year. It could not be improved

A parliamentary paper containing the report of the medical officer of the depart-ment, Sir Richard Thorne, for 1897-98, has The other clubs in the league at strengthening as well as Richmon ment, Sir Richard Thorne, for 1897-98, has ment, Sir Richard Thorne, for 1897-98, has just been issued as a supplement to the annual report of the Local Government to mannage its aggregation, and he has been for the same period. The interest gotten together a strong club. With the report chiefly lies in its references exception of losing Madison, its a shorteston who has signed with Pittsburghers. Newark has signed Jim Fields, the cracerjack first baseman of the Buffalo tea of the report chiefly lies in its references exception of losing Madison, its to vaccination, and certainly the remarks of the medical officer on the percentage Lancaster will play the same strong of children who escape vaccination open she had last season. Billy Sharsig's management, will be m stronger than last year and it will be up a somewhat serious prospect for the "The digest of the vaccination officers' returns is concerned with births during the calendar year 1805, the most recent period for which final information, based on repeated local inquiries concerning each child, is procurable. It shows that final is bound to fly from Paterson's star of the starth of the had made. Deacon period for which final information, based on repeated local inquiries concerning each child, is procurable. It shows that returns is concerned with births during the calendar year 185, the most recent period for which final information, based after deducting from a total of 921,512 Scranton's make-up is still problematical births those children who were success- Martin Swift, the old ball-player from the fully vaccinated, those who died unvacci- Eastern League, is in charge those who were registered as 'in-

Norfolk will not be in the Atlantic Co cuit, but Scranton will compensate for he loss. It is not yet known whether Hard ford will continue in this league or no It seems more than likely though, the he metropolis was 24.5 per cent, that she will enter the Eastern League and be the rest of England was 19.8, succeeded by Wilkesbarre. In that even

years. Indeed, if allowance be made for the further failing off in this respect, which is believed to have occurred since 1825, the number of children now born in England and Wales who in one way or another escape vaccination is probably not much less than one-third of the whole. In this way the country is being prepared for widespread epidemics of small-pox, such as have been unknown to the present generation, unless, indeed, the invariable rush and clamor for immediate vaccination on the part of those who have neglected or declaimed against the operation during times of freedom from small-pox should be capable of being so far met in the moment of emergency as largely to mitigate the impending disas-

(Providence Telegram.)

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cited victim he said, in a tone which was neither stern nor businesslike, "Don't think I'm a shark I know I'm a fool, but think I'm a shark I know I in a too, if I'm sorry for you. What you deserve is a sound thrashing, but that's not my business. I wish it was. I'd rather undertake to beat you into a jelly than to example the patrons of the game was absorbed.

> ball, and that once again will the old-time crowds congregate on the bleacheries and A STRONG TEAM.

signed, is made up as follows: Catchers-Hess and Vigneux.

Mitchell didn't handle the affair just right:
Outfiel
maybe professional ethics would have
frowned on him, and maybe too. I've
Hess

sent her the check without a penny's and Iron League, and was by long odds charge for professional services, and the best man in that league.

THE INFINITE DEEDS THE INFIELDERS

So much for the pitchers. Carr is the only unknown quantity in the infield, and he is safd to be a star. He played first for the Atlantic City team during last season, and was then picked up by Wash-It wasn't long before that check, apparently untouched, was on his desk again. It came with a letter, which was, in part, OTHER CLUBS STRENGTHENING

susceptible of vaccination, and those heard from. who had smail-pox before vaccination, ere still remained 20.5 per cent, who

both of which rates show a still further the Atlantic Circuit will be more compact increase on a failure to comply with the provisions of the vaccination acts which

The "Petit Blen."

largely to mitigate the impending disas-ter. It will be observed from the returns for 1805 that 2,962 children were registered

Not a Bad Combination.

(Providence Telegram.)

Henry Watterson's suggestion noming ting Admiral Dewey for President a General Fitzhugh Lee for Vice-Preside for the next Democratic ticket, awakened the echoes.

One thing is certain, it is patriotic, a the absence of any platform would compensated for largely by the person ity of the men. Mr. McKiniey, unthese conditions, would have to lack for his laurels. With so much of popularity is a post about abroad, there is not much a ger of their being called home in the mediate future. diate future.

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